

threatening to deprive the Japanese of arms and munitions it can compel the detachment of part of the Japanese fleet. This is the appearance of the volunteer fleet in the Red Sea is hailed with so much satisfaction.

Besides the Smolensk, St. Petersburg, and the latter now being fitted out as a hospital ship, only the Kheron, Saratoff and Moskva have a speed of 15 to 20 knots. The other eleven vessels of the fleet register about 13 knots. Some of the recently purchased vessels, as the commerce destroyers, are outfitted as commerce destroyers and six weeks ago the Associated Press was informed that such was the purpose of the auxiliary.

OLD QUESTION REVIVED.

Status of the Black Sea Fleet May be Discussed by the Powers.

St. Petersburg, July 19, 4:35 p.m.—The first impression in diplomatic circles here is that the action of the Russian volunteer fleet vessels in stopping neutral ships in the Red Sea will not give rise to international complications, it being the Russian fleet in the Red Sea, which there is good reason to believe is well founded that, instead of an interference of views between the powers signatory to the treaty of Paris, regarding the status of the remains of the fleet, the important diplomatic question of the fleet now in the Black Sea, thus the old question of the Dardanelles, will become the subject of important diplomatic discussion.

The right of a belligerent to halt neutral vessels on the high seas to ascertain if they have arms on board, is not questioned, but the right to detain them even for a few hours in order to render the belligerent liable to damages.

BRITISH PRESS WAILED.

Government Urged to Act Promptly and With Vigor.

London, July 20.—Once again the leading English newspapers editorialize in the gravest tones on the Russian seizure of British vessels. Even the Standard declares "that the nation looks to the foreign office to take more effective action than the ordinary conventions of diplomatic intercourse prescribe. The case is not one for fastidious treatment. If nothing is done officially to relieve the painful strain, the Russian government may grow in stubborn resentment. We cannot for the sake of peace even sit down under a series of undisputed unprovoked aggressions."

A similar warlike tone pervades almost every other paper. The Morning Post says Great Britain cannot tolerate the seizure of British ships. The Standard "except by the abandonment of her self-respect as a great power."

The paper declares that either the Russian fleet in the Red Sea is an armed pirate or Russia has violated the treaty of Paris.

Treated as a Prize.

Suez, July 19.—The Peninsular & Oriental company's steamer, Malacca, captured by the Russian volunteer fleet, was bound for the Red Sea, entered the canal today on her way to Libia, on the Baltic. The company's agents at Suez refused to receive the vessel, but the Russian commander refused him admission.

Another Seizure.

London, July 19.—The Suez correspondent of the Daily Mail under date of July 19, says: "The German steamer Sambla, it is stated, has been seized by the Russians and is expected here tomorrow."

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Panic in Mexican Pavilion at the World's Fair.

St. Louis, Mo., July 19.—The Mexican National pavilion, struck by lightning today during a severe storm at the World's Fair grounds, was a scene of confusion. The building was struck by lightning and the building did not catch fire. The damage is estimated at \$3,000.

THOUSANDS RUSHING FOR ROSEBUD LANDS.

Yankton, S. D., July 18.—Seven thousand people registered for Rosebud land at Yankton today. The rush to the land is still greater. The Milwaukee road, which is making a trip into six sections and the evening train into two.

CONFERENCE LASTED FAR INTO THE NIGHT.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 19.—After a conference with President Roosevelt, which lasted far into the night and was resumed early today, the Secretary of War Elihu Root left Sagamore Hill today for New York, leaving important business which made necessary his return today.

Beyond the fact that the president and Mr. Root considered the speech that the former had made at the 27th inst., in response to the notification of his nomination, little could be learned from the conference. The talk covered a wide range of subjects.

INCENSED NEGROES ORGANIZED A MOB.

Cripple Creek, Colo., July 19.—A mob of negroes today ordered one of their own race, named Edwards, to leave the district under threats of hanging if he refused. They were incensed by an exhibition of a group of pictures for which they alleged, Edwards posed pictures representing scenes of a criminal assault upon a white woman and a chase of the criminal by blood hounds.

MRS. GEORGE CROCKER IN DYING CONDITION.

New York, July 19.—Mrs. George Crocker, formerly of San Francisco, Governor Anshutz of Wisconsin, which arrived today, was in a critical condition. It was thought that she would live but a few days. Mrs. Crocker was suffering from a disease of the lungs and was unable to take food.

RUSSIAN EDITOR.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—A law was officially promulgated today providing that all Jews settled in the western frontier provinces of the Russian empire, within a radius of thirty miles from the frontier, shall be subject to all the laws governing the residence of the Jews in the regular zone of settlement. Jews arriving subsequent to July 20 will be prohibited from settling outside the towns or villages or from moving from village to village.

A POLITICAL PLOT.

St. Petersburg, July 19.—The Soviet says the assassination of the Russian Emperor, which occurred on the evening of the 17th inst., undoubtedly was due to a political plot, but whether the act was done by Armenians or anarchists is not clear. So frequent are such attempts becoming in the Soviet Union that special measures to prevent their recurrence.

SAN FRANCISCO BREWERS GO OUT

Inside Men Demand an Advance in Wages.

BIG LUMBER PLANT CLOSED

SANTA FE MACHINISTS STILL CONFIDENT.

San Francisco, July 19.—Over 600 men brewers, employed in twenty-two breweries, struck today for an advance of wages from \$20 to \$22 a week. The men demand an advance of wages inside the various establishments, the drivers and other outside men not having taken action. The secretary of the Brewers' Protective Association, says that the strikers are not skilled workmen and can readily be replaced. There is a big supply of beer on hand, the trouble having been anticipated and the breweries possibly may shut down. The strike is not unlikely to extend to other cities in the state.

STRIKE OF LUMBERMEN.

Largest Plant in California Has Been Shut Down.

Redding, Cal., July 19.—The entire plant of the McCloud Lumber company at McCloud, Siskiyou county, the largest lumber plant in the state, is tied up by a strike. About 1,800 men are affected. Ordinary laborers have been receiving \$2 for eleven hours' work. They ask that the hours be cut to ten or the pay increased to \$2.25. Last year they received \$2.25. This spring, at the opening of the plant, the company cut wages, in accordance with the terms of a combine of nearly all the lumbermen of northern California. There has been discontent among the men at McCloud ever since.

On Sunday night the men at the new mill, nearly all of whom are Italians, refused to resolve unless they were assured that their demand would be granted. The foreman told the superintendent of the mill that he would order him to shut down the mill. The old mill was run Sunday night but was closed on Monday morning on the ground being made similar to the one of the night before at the new mill. During Monday the loggers and woodmen quit work and came in from the timber. They are said to be in accord with the strike. As yet there are no indications of violence.

SANTA FE STRIKE.

Machinists Believe They Will Win in the End.

Topeka, Kan., July 19.—A. E. Ireland, organizer of the Federation of L. B. G. of the Santa Fe strikers, today declared that the men in the Santa Fe strikers in their strike, has re-established headquarters in Topeka. Mr. Ireland reports everything to be in good shape. The strikers all over the Santa Fe system. He said that when business picks up in the fall the Santa Fe will be compelled to treat with the machinists. The strikers are confident of success.

Wrecked in Iowa.

Engineer and Fireman Killed and Four Persons Injured.

Stanwood, Ia., July 19.—The Atlantic express east bound, on the Chicago & Northwestern railway, ran into an open switch and the engine and four cars left the track. Engineer J. A. Wells and fireman E. H. Carter were killed and four persons seriously injured. The danger signal was set, but the engineer seemingly ignored it. The cars struck the power house, completely wrecking it and injuring the operator.

ASKED TO BE EXPLICIT.

Washington, July 19.—The war department has received a report from Lieutenant Haight, who resigned as military aide to President Francis of the St. Louis position, as an outgrowth of his request to a colored regiment assigned to the expedition to occupy camps outside the military reservation there. Lieutenant Haight has been asked to make a more complete report pending which no action will be taken.

DEATHS FROM HEAT.

New York, July 19.—The hot wave which struck the city yesterday, has continued today and the number of deaths has increased to the highest temperature of the year and added more victims to the list. Five deaths from heat occurred in Brooklyn between noon yesterday and noon today. Four of the deaths were of men. In Manhattan there were 10 prostrations but no deaths.

ALLIED TRADES READY TO STRIKE

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Power in reply to a question as to whether the association has sent such a communication, said: "No such offer has been made by the Montana Stockmen's association. There is no one, or body, in the association covered to send such an offer. Some individuals may have sent such a communication, but it could not be regarded as coming from the association."

TROUBLE SPREADING.

Sympathetic Strike is Probable at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., July 19.—In the face of a probable sympathetic strike of their engineers, electricians and other skilled employees, members of the allied trades unions, the local packers today placed additional forces at work and in each instance, they asserted, increased their outputs. A general strike of all trades allied with the butchers and killers is expected in labor circles today unless a peace agreement is reached in Chicago. In this event, it is believed 800 men will go out, and the packing house industry here tied up completely, at least for a while. There has been a slight advance in the price of fresh meats since yesterday.

PICKETS EFFECTIVE.

Packing House at St. Paul Completely Blocked.

St. Paul, Minn., July 18.—Although Governor Van Sant has threatened to call out the militia to break the pickets about the entrance of the Swift packing house, the pickets today were effective. The men of the Swift packing house would be removed, the plant was effectively blocked today when the office force arrived for work. A determination seemed to prevail to keep everybody out, but the officials of the company and the women stenographers.

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Returning to Work.

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Meeting of the Northern Securities Directors.

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CHAFFEE AT TACOMA.

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GRAND OFFICERS CHOSEN BY ELKS

W. J. O'Brien, Jr., of Baltimore, Elected Exalted Ruler.

CHARGES OF EXTRAVAGANCE

EVERY DOLLAR SAID TO HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR.

Cincinnati, O., July 19.—While the eighteenth annual reunion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has been in progress all this week, the fourth meeting of the grand lodge did not begin until today, when morning, afternoon and night sessions were held.

There were but two candidates for grand exalted ruler. The ballot resulted as follows: W. J. O'Brien, Jr., of Baltimore, 370; Samuel H. Needs of Cleveland, 37.

When nominations were all made a recess was taken from 7 o'clock until 9 o'clock for the election of grand officers. The nominations printed on the Australian ballot.

While the delegates were engaged in their duties, the grand lodge was held in the morning among the visiting Elks over the exposures in the annual reports about the alleged extravagance in the expenses of certain grand officers and the discrepancies between the different reports.

It is alleged that these discrepancies are due to the demoralized and incompetent condition of the records in the office of Grand Secretary Reynolds.

No explanation is given of the charges of extravagance. Needs reports that the eighty-six district deputies last year, at the Baltimore reunion drew \$3,039 at the Baltimore reunion last year, while the grand lodge drew \$11,652. He commends the deputies for not handing in exorbitant expense accounts and asks that the grand lodge give more executive power, suggesting a system of checking expenditures.

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GORMAN ASKED TO BE CHAIRMAN

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Knowledge of Judge Parker's nomination without bothering about any of the details or gossip connected with his candidacy. The judge read the newspaper accounts of the conference with close attention, but as usual without any comment which could reach the newspapermen.

A report is current that there will be an effort to get Judge Parker to begin his active campaign in the middle west with a speech in Chicago soon after the notification ceremonies. It is understood that Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, has offered the way for the first big gun of the campaign fired in Chicago, but to have Judge Parker and W. J. Bryan on the platform together upon the subject can be learned here, for Judge Parker absolutely refuses to discuss any of his plans subsequent to his nomination.

So far as the notification is concerned, it will be held at Rosemount. Judge Parker insists to remain here throughout the campaign, save perhaps for two or three absences to make speeches in large cities, such as Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, and probably Boston.

When Mr. Davis comes to Esopus tomorrow he probably will be accompanied by Senator Gorman. It was announced at Rosemount today that Judge Parker had sent the senator an invitation to come with Mr. Davis. Whether or not the senators visit will have any bearing upon the selection of a chairman of the national committee, could not be learned.

BRYAN'S VIEWS.

Election of Parker Will Open the Way for Reform.

Chicago, July 19.—William J. Bryan passed through Chicago today for Central Illinois. He said that in this issue of his paper he would discuss the reform for the military and navy, "outlining a plan of continuing the fight for economical reform within the Democratic party."

Mr. Bryan said: "The election of Judge Parker, instead of interfering with these reforms, will open the way for a successful fight by ridding the country of imperialism, by removing the race issue, and by substituting the spirit of peace and progress for the military and warlike spirit engendered by the actions and utterances of President Roosevelt."

LADIES OF MACCABEES.

Lillian M. Hollister Again Elected Supreme Commander.

Detroit, July 19.—Seventy-five delegates representing 50,000 women in all parts of the country were present at the annual convention of the Ladies of Maccabees of the World, which was called to order. Readjustment of the rates of the order is the most important business that will come before them during their three days' session.

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KNIGHTS OF MACCABEES.

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Reflections of a Bachelor.

(New York Press.)

Churches are an awful long way from good fishing. It makes a man awful tired working hard to keep from doing anything. In an argument the way to get the other fellow mad is not to let him get you mad.

You don't have to tell a girl you are going to kiss her; she can tell it quickly. You can't.

Subtle Vengeance.

(Washington Star.)

"Do you mean to tell me that you worked for the prohibitionists without getting a cent?" asked a colored street vendor of Kentucky. "I had decided to move out of the state, anyhow, and I had a lot of mean neighbors that I wanted to get even with."

Five Hundred Thousand.

(Philadelphia Press.)

Tess—I can't understand what he saw in her. Her face is decidedly plain. Jess—Yes, but the figure she has makes up for all that.

Tess—Figure? She's positively scrawny. Jess—You're mistaken. She has six figures, and the first one's a five.

It Does Seem Queer.

(Philadelphia Press.)

Assume—So you think the Bible is contradictory in spots? Henpeck—I must say I do.

Assume—Where, for instance? Henpeck—Well, it can't reconcile the statements that Solomon was the wisest man, and that he had so many wives.

But Almost.

(Philadelphia Press.)

"The giraffe was telling me he felt sick all over this morning," said the tigress. "But that's just his imagination," replied Dr. Monk.

Sick Soon After.

(Philadelphia Press.)

"It was his first trip to sea," said the first sailor, "and when we were going down the bay we worked off a lot of old yarns on him."

He swallowed them, of course," said the other.

"Yes," he only temporarily. We struck enough water-pussy soon."

ROOSEVELT MET THE COMMITTEE

Miners Have Half an Hour's Talk With the President.

SWITCHED TO CUBAN WAR

COLORADO TROUBLES WERE LOST SIGHT OF.

Oyster Bay, July 19.—President Roosevelt today received a committee of the coal miners and allied crafts of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The mission of the committee was to present personally to the president a petition reciting the conditions in which the labor has been placed by the action of the authorities of Colorado, and requesting him to institute an investigation of the labor trouble in that state with a view of remedying the conditions now existing if possible. The members of the committee, M. T. Burke of Carbonado, Pa.; Henry Herzovitz of Plymouth, Pa.; and Frank E. McCafferty of Victor, Colo., are the men who came to Oyster Bay last week, but were unable on that day to obtain a personal interview with the president.

The committee arrived here this afternoon and met the president at his Sagamore Hill home at 7:30 this evening. They passed a half-hour with Mr. Roosevelt in his library.

The petition, which was the expression of 25,000 men of the United States organizations of northeastern Pennsylvania, was laid before the president. He read it carefully, and then informed the committee he would be glad to do anything he properly and legally could do to ameliorate the condition existing in the state of Colorado. He indicated an investigation of the labor troubles in that state is now being made by agents of the department of commerce and labor. This far the situation in Colorado is being kept under constant interference by the federal government.

Following the presentation of the petition, the president talked with the callers on subjects of mutual interest. The talk developed the fact that Mr. Herzovitz had fought with President Roosevelt in Cuba. After exchanging some reminiscences of the war with him, the president gave Mr. Herzovitz an autograph card bearing the following inscription:

"To comrade Henry Herzovitz. With the good wishes of Theodore Roosevelt, July 19, 1904. Mr. Herzovitz is proud of the memento of his trip and will have it framed with a picture of the president. The members of the committee express pleasure at the results of their trip and unite in saying that their interview was perfectly satisfactory to them, and that they will be to the unions which they represent."

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SUICIDE IN WYOMING.

Aged Man Did Not Care to Play the String Out.

Evansville, Wyo., July 19.—Word has been received in this city that George Peterson committed suicide at his home in